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## GERMANS MURDERED

Four Sailors Killed by Chinese at Kiao Chau.

## CRITICAL SITUATION IN THE EAST.

England Sends Another Warship to Chinese Waters—France Assumes a Threatening Attitude—Germany Likely to Take Strong Measures.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says that four German sailors have been murdered by the Chinese.

Details of the Fighting.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 29.—A dispatch from Che Foo to the Shanghai Mercury gives details of the assassination of a German sailor named Schulz, belonging to the cruiser Kaiser, while on outpost duty at Tsimo, the extreme German post in Kiao Chau bay. The crime, which was committed by a Chinese rabble on Monday night last, was not discovered until three men of the corporal's guard were making the rounds to relieve the sentries. Then Schulz was discovered, his head having been severed from his body. The relieving guard was directly afterward attacked by a hundred natives, and, after a stubborn fight, it is reported that all the sailors were killed. Twelve natives were killed during the fighting.

In consequence of the outrage, the greatest excitement prevails at Kiao Chau, and it is believed the incident will form the basis of further German demands upon China.

Commander Sung of Port Arthur recently informed Captain Chichester of the British ship Immortalite that the Russian warships had the tsung-li-yamen's special permission to remain there. Captain Chichester thereupon insisted that Sung should obtain by telegraph similar permission for the Immortalite. Sung complied with the demand, and permission was granted.

The Position of France.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Peking correspondent of The Times says:

"The French attitude has undergone a sudden change and now appears to give a reluctant support to the menacing language of the Russian agent, M. Pavloff, charge d'affaires at Peking, against the opening of Ta-ien-wan. The Chinese, having made inquiries, disbelieve M. Pavloff's statement that Russia can provide a loan on the same financial terms as Great Britain.

"At the meeting of the grand council last night (Thursday) the Chinese decided to approach the English and Russian governments with a proposal of compromise, each power to provide one-half of the loan on its own financial terms and the other conditions to be adjusted between them."

Had Two Pistols and a Knife.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—A remarkable scene was witnessed at the Luettgen trial this afternoon. John Burns attempted to secure admission to the courtroom. Admittance was refused to him, and he drew two revolvers and a knife. Deputy Sheriff George Albrecht knocked the knife from his hand. Intense excitement prevailed. Burns, who was intoxicated, was locked up at the East Chicago avenue police station.

Woman Burned to Death.

WILTON, Conn., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Charles Scribner, aged 87, was burned to death at her home in Cannon, a station a few miles above Wilton, last night, by her clothes taking fire from sparks while she was smoking a pipe, as was her nightly custom. The woman made her home with her son, William Henry Scribner, a war veteran, and was alone at the time.

Hotel Man's Suicide.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 29.—Gerard S. Johnson, former purser on bay steamers and later proprietor of the Opera hotel, adjoining Ford's Opera House, committed suicide at Ganzhorn's City hotel by swallowing a large quantity of laudanum and turning on the gas in his room.

The Emperor's Mailed Fist.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—An anonymous article in The Contemporary Review asserts that the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to Osborne while outward bound with the Gefion and the Deutsch-

## BUSINESS CONDITIONS.

Large Sales of Products and Improvement in Prices.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

The first month of the new year has brought rather more increase in business but less improvement in prices than was expected. With payments through clearing houses 7.3 per cent

larger than in 1892 and probably the largest ever known in any month, with railroad earnings 9.9 per cent larger than the best of past years, the fact that prices are very low only shows

more clearly the increase in quantities of products sold. Nor is there any disposition to refuse orders even at present prices. Indeed, the competition of manufacturers seeking orders alone prevents a rise. Most of them have all they can manage, many working night and day and one great steel concern running Sunday, but the works not yet filled with orders are seeking contracts at low prices as have been made, indicating that even these are not entirely unprofitable. The settlement of wages on a 10 per cent advance April 1 for 200,000 coal miners of the central region, with other changes, will tend toward a larger demand for products of all kinds, though also toward some increase in cost of manufacture. Political apprehensions have been allayed rather than increased by the presence of the Maine at Havana and by the course of domestic events.

Commercial loans increase, and net

receipts of money from the interior were \$5,000,000 for the week. Foreign

exchange is still held without alteration by banking operations, deferred bills

here having increased, and large loans

of money in Europe by Chicago banks

are reported. Failures for the week

have been 342 in the United States,

against 331 last year, and 34 in Canada,

against 57 last year.

## CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Four German sailors were killed in a fight with Chinese at Kiao Chau.

The Russian fleet at Port Arthur was reported helpless for want of coal.

Dr. Jameson, the former leader of the Transvaal raiders, has arrived in London.

The Turkish war department will pre-  
pare 80 regiments for service in Rou-  
mania next spring.

Mrs. Booth, aged 55, was found burn-  
ed to death in her room at 171 East  
Seventy-fourth street, New York.

It was reported in Paris that the king  
of Belgium had purchased the yacht  
Mayflower, built for the late Mr. Ogden  
Goetel.

Sixty men employed in widening the  
New York and Brooklyn bridge pas-  
sageway struck for eight hours and  
\$2.50 a day.

The new steamer Boadicea arrived in  
New York from the Clyde, and her skip-  
per set the Maritime Exchange talking  
by half masting his house flag.

The parliamentary committee at  
Christiania has failed to agree on a  
plan for the better regulation of the re-  
lations between Sweden and Norway.

The foreign insurance companies have  
obtained an injunction against Com-  
missioner Clunich of California restrain-  
ing him from canceling their licenses.

The Vienna correspondent of the Lon-  
don Telegraph reported that there was  
complete anarchy in Asiatic Turkey.

The Kurds were devastating Armenian  
villages, and the Armenians were re-  
taliating.

## Otis Claims Bribery.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 29.—Representa-  
tive John C. Otis of Cincinnati testified  
that he met H. H. Boyce of New York  
in room 226, Gibson house, Cincinnati,  
and was promised an office by appoint-  
ment of President McKinley, or that it  
would be made extraordinarily profit-  
able for him to vote for Mr. Hanna for  
United States senator. Mr. Otis says  
he referred Mr. Boyce to his attorney,  
T. C. Campbell, who showed him \$1,000  
which he said he got from Mr. Boyce.  
Later, according to Mr. Otis, Mr. Camp-  
bell received \$50 more and was promis-  
ed the remainder of \$10,000 in Colum-  
bus. Mr. Campbell told Mr. Otis this  
money was received, or to be received,  
to be given to him to vote for Mr.  
Hanna.

## Burglars Identified.

NYACK, N. Y., Jan. 29.—James Bren-  
nan and Joseph Monaghan, arrested at  
Sterling Junction on Jan. 14, and who  
have been locked up in the Rockland  
county jail for 15 days, have been identi-  
fied as the persons who committed exten-  
sive burglaries in Orange county.

When arrested the men had in their  
possession a set of burglar's tools and  
articles which were thought to have been  
stolen. These articles were also  
identified yesterday. The prisoners were  
taken to Middletown to answer charges  
of burglary.

## Boutwell's Eightieth Birthday.

GROTON, Mass., Jan. 29.—Hon. George  
S. Boutwell, ex-governor of Massachu-  
setts, celebrated his eightieth birthday  
yesterday. The illness of Mrs. Bout-  
well prevented a formal reception, but  
the house was filled with flowers which  
had been sent by friends. Many friends  
paid their respects to the gentleman  
during the day.

## Russia and the Porte.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—A dispatch to The  
Daily News from Odessa says it is re-  
ported there that M. Zinovitch, the Russian  
ambassador to Turkey, holds an  
ultimatum, in readiness to be delivered  
to the porto in certain contingencies, to  
enforce the sultan's acceptance of  
Prince George of Greece as governor of  
Crete.

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room.

Pope Leo's Sixtieth Anniversary.

ROME, Jan. 29.—The pope will cele-  
brate mass at St. Peter's cathedral on  
Feb. 13, the sixtieth anniversary of his  
first mass. The ceremony will be the  
same as was observed at the Jubilee  
mass of his holiness in 1888.

## WHITE METAL WINS.

The Teller Resolution Passed  
In the Senate.

PROPOSES TO PAY BONDS IN SILVER.

The Action Regarded as the Preliminary  
Alignment for the Political Battle  
of 1900—House Votes to Pay the  
Southern Methodists' Claim.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—After a debate, animated at all times and occasionally acrimonious, which occupied the greater part of this week, the senate last evening, by a decisive vote of 47 to 32, passed the Teller concurrent resolution. The resolution is a practical reaffirmation of that of Stanley Matthews in 1878 and is as follows:

"That all the bonds of the United States issued or authorized to be issued under the said acts of congress hereinbefore recited are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the government of the United States in silver dollars of the coinage of the United States containing 42½ grains each of standard silver, and that to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor."

All efforts to amend the resolution were voted down by majorities ranging from 5 to 29. Mr. Lodge's gold standard substitute being defeated by the latter majority. The vote on the Lodge amendment was: Yeas, 24; nays, 53.

The vote on the final passage of the resolution was as follows:

Yeas.—Allen, Bacon, Bate, Berry,  
Butler, Cannon, Carter, Chandler, Chilton,  
Clark, Clay, Cockrell, Daniel, Gray,  
Harris, Heffelfeld, Jones (Ark.), Kenney,  
Kyle, Lindsay, McKinney, McLaurin,  
Mallory, Mantle, Martin, Mills, Mitchell,  
Money, Morgan, Murphy, Pasco, Pettigrew,  
Pettus, Pritchard, Rawlins, Roach,  
Shoup, Smith, Stewart, Teller, Tillman,  
Turp, Turner, Vest, Warren,  
White and Wolcott—47.

Nays.—Aldrich, Allison, Baker, Bur-  
rows, Caffery, Cullom, Davis, Fair-  
banks, Foraker, Galling, Gear, Hale,  
Hanna, Hansbrough, Hawley, Hoar,  
Lodge, McBride, McMillan, Mason, Mor-  
rill, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Platt  
(Conn.), Platt (N. Y.), Quay, Sewell,  
Thurston, Wellington, Wetmore and  
Wilson—32.

The events of the day leading up to the final vote were full of interest and importance. It was a field day for orators of the senate, no less than 25 senators embracing the opportunity to speak upon the subject under discussion.

That the debate was interesting was attested by the attendance in the galleries, which were crowded throughout the day, and that it was important was evidenced by the statements of several of the speakers that the discussion was but the preliminary alignment of the great political parties for the contest of 1900.

From 10 o'clock until 7 p. m. the contest was continued. When the voting began, it was evident that party lines were being broken on both sides of the chamber, but it was on the substitute offered by Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts that the most decided break occurred.

On the Republican side, Mr. Allison of Iowa and Mr. Burrows of Michigan did not answer to their names on that roll call, and many of the Republicans voted directly against it. Upon the final passage of the resolution some Republicans who supported McKinley and the St. Louis platform in 1896, like Carter of Montana, Chandler of New Hampshire, Clark of Wyoming, Pritchard of North Carolina, Shoup of Idaho, Warren of Wyoming and Wolcott of Colorado, voted for the resolution, because, as Mr. Wolcott announced, they did not believe the resolution committed those who supported it to the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

To Pay the Methodists' Claim.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The bill to pay the Book Publishing company of the Methodist Episcopal church south \$288,000 for damages sustained by that corporation during the war, after encountering an obstinate filibuster which staved off a vote on two previous private bill days, was piloted to its passage in the house by Mr. Cooper of Texas, who was in charge of the measure.

The friends of the measure proved themselves in an overwhelming majority, and the opposition, finding it could hold out no longer, reluctantly yielded. The vote on the bill was 188 to 67. Those who participated in the debate were: In favor of it—Messrs. Dinsmore (Dem., Ark.), Dooliver (Rep., Ia.), Dockery (Dem., Mo.), Sims (Dem., Tenn.), Mahon (Rep., Pa.), Sullivan (Dem., Miss.), Terry (Dem., Ark.), Gains (Dem., Tenn.) and Grosvenor (Rep., O.). In opposition to it—Messrs. Daizell (Rep., Pa.), Hepburn (Rep., Ia.), McEwan (Rep., N. J.), Dingley (Rep., Me.) and Connolly (Rep., Ills.).

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Fourth class postmasters were appointed as follows: Connecticut—Ashville; Henry E. Randall, Delaware—Farnhurst; William Ruth, Pennsylvania—Daguerre, W. S. Ravencroft; Waller, W. E. Sanders, New Jersey—Waterloo, A. L. Cassidy, New York—Burnt Hills, Emmett Arnold, Connelly, Lucy J. Hamilton; Tristates, Soveryne Bennett; West Park, Elisha P. Smith, Vernon—Morristown, Eben Douglass; Roxbury, Dayton L. Nichols.

The Pan-American Exposition.

BUFFALO, Jan. 29.—General Director Ely of the Pan-American exposition announces that every concession for the exposition grounds, from the selling of popcorn and peanuts up, has been let to E. W. Curtis of Chicago, who will be at the head of a company to be known as the Pan-American concession company, which will be duly incorporated under the laws of the state of New York. The consideration is cash and a certain percentage of the receipts.

The World's Supply of Cotton.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 29.—Secretary

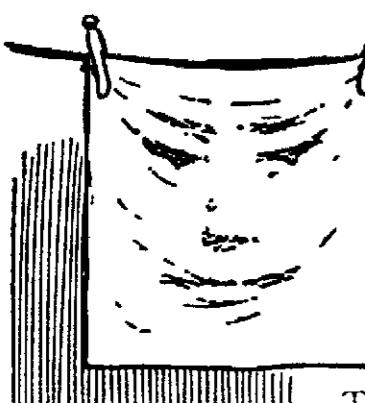
Hester's weekly statement places the world's visible supply of cotton at 4,471,429 bales, against 4,507,940 last

week and 4,088,440 last year. Of the

former amount 4,221,429 bales are American

cotton.

The Pan-American Exposition.



## Clothes-pins

make some of the holes—but most of them come from rubbing. And no matter how careful you are, the constant wear of the washboard weakens the fabric, thins it out, makes it easy to tear and pull to pieces. You can't help having this wearing process, even with the most conscientious washing.

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**Plaisted's Critical Illness.**

## BUT LITTLE DEFENSE

### Insufficient Provisions In Case of War.

### WATERTOWN ARSENAL OF LITTLE USE

**Major Reilly, the Commander, Says the Plant Would Be Ineffective In Case of War—Thinks We Should Prepare for Trouble With Spain.**

**BOSTON, Jan. 29.—**The Herald this morning publishes an account of the present state of the Watertown arsenal, in which it appears that that branch of the war department, unless its resources are at once increased, would be of little use in case of a war with Spain.

The present capacity of the plant is, roughly estimated, 30 carriages a year. This has been the capacity for several years. Within three months it could not be increased. As a matter of fact, the reserve usefulness of Watertown arsenal today is almost nothing. There are no reserve supplies of modern powder and shell—nothing out at Watertown ready for immediate delivery. There is no supply of equipment or implements of war—no timber or iron or steel for emergency use.

There is, remarkable to state, not a single gun carriage in reserve. If a shot should disable a disappearing gun carriage at Fort Warren, the arsenal could not replace it within a month, at the least time."

Speaking of the danger of war with Spain, Major J. W. Reilly, the commander of the arsenal, said.

"Things look pretty threatening in Cuba. The concentration of European ships at Havana means that affairs are coming to a crisis. If war comes between the United States and Spain, it is likely to come in a hurry—before open declaration."

"It is not at all improbable that there will be a naval battle or some trouble of serious nature before people have come to know that actual warfare has begun."

"Now, this Cuban affair should impress the American people with the enormous question that is likely, it seems, at any moment to confront them—the expenditure, among other things, of a vast amount of money and the fact that the chief features of the question have been known for some time should make the people urgent to prepare as soon as possible for war. Delay in a matter of this kind sometimes means enormous expense later. Whether we expect war or not, the position of the United States would be infinitely strengthened if the nation were well prepared for such a contingency."

"In the present aspect of international affairs it would be at least common prudence to lay in supplies and get ready."

**Blanco Predicts Peace.**

**HAVANA, Jan. 29.—**Captain General Blanco, it is announced from Spanish sources at Manzanillo, province of Santiago de Cuba, in addressing the municipality of that place, said the country should look forward with confidence to the near approach of peace, which, he believed, would be arrived at in February owing to the new policy adopted by the government and the support it was receiving from the country.

**Attempt to Rob a Postoffice.**

**NYACK, N. Y., Jan. 29.—**Alfred Hood, who lives next to the postoffice at Spring Valley, was awakened by the barking of a dog at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Looking out of a window, he saw two men on a ladder attempting to get in at the rear window of the postoffice. Hood fired two shots at the would be burglars, who fled. He then followed them to the street, where a duel with revolvers was fought between the three men, neither of whom was hit. The marauders had made preparations to carry off whatever they might find in the postoffice by stealing a horse and sleigh from Jeffers Cooper. They also poisoned the dog whose barking awakened Mr. Hood.

**May Save Doloth's Cargo.**

**CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—**Word has been received by the Graham & Morton Transportation company from St. Joseph, Mich., indicating that much of the cargo of the ill-fated City of Duluth and the wrecked vessel itself may be saved. During the day that portion of the cargo stored on the main deck was taken off in safety. Much of the grain carried by the boat will also be landed without great loss. The boat still hangs on the bar at the mercy of the waves, but the officials of the company believe if she can be unloaded without going to pieces it will be possible to tow her into drydock for repairs.

**Great Preparations are Under Way!**

**Some to culminate shortly. Big lots of new and choice merchandise will soon pour into our two stores, and there must be nothing here to impede progress when they arrive; so the word has gone forth and has re-echoed in every part of the store, the one word that means so much to us and to you—CLEARANCE. It will be a clearance on a gigantic scale. The price broom will do its sweeping well, for the power that will wield it, the force that will be behind its every stroke will be that irresistible force—PRICE. Read this announcement carefully. It is brimful of bargains, the equal of which you were never offered before.**

**Blankets.**

**A few more samples only left. They are sample blankets that laid on our counters, used to show and sell stock from. They are all a little soiled from handling. It does not affect their worth in the least, but it will affect their price. About one-half of our stock does not want to lay over, so we are offering over half next year, and soiled, however little. Only small lots. Whoever gets one of these gets \$2 worth for \$1.**

**4 Pair Very Heavy Rose Blankets.**

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**ance price \$1.50 a pair.**

**3 Pair Only, Wool Blankets**

**and more than half wool at that. They were \$3 a pair. A little soiled. They must go this week at \$1.60 a pair.**

**2 Pair Only, Fine Wool Blankets**

**Were cheap at \$3 a pair. They are a little soiled. Riddance price \$2.80 a pair.**

**3 Pair Only, Heavy Wool Blankets**

**Were \$4.50. A little soiled. Riddance price \$2.50 a pair.**

**2 Pair Only, California Blankets,**

**Were \$10. Riddance price \$5 a pair.**

**We are bound to pound our stock down before inventory. Here are clearance sale prices for Wash Goods.**

**Best Black or Silver Grey Calico**

**45 cents.**

**Best Indigo Blue Calico**

**45 cents.**

**Best Light Ground Calico**

**35 cents.**

**10c Outing Flannel**

**6 cents a yard.**

**The Cream of All on Wash Goods Bargains**

**Will be one case of best Dark Ground Calicoes made. They sell at all dry goods stores for 6 to 7c a yard. Before inventory price 3½c a yard.**

**Plaisted's Critical Illness.**

**BANGOR, Me., Jan. 29.—**The condition of ex-Governor Plaisted, who is critically ill here, shows no change for the better.

## SNAKES PICKED THE HOPS.

**Why an Indiana Farmer No Longer Pays Hired Men.**

The most remarkable story which has recently found its way into print comes from Versailles, Ind., says the Atlanta Constitution. In 1896 the hop growers of that neighborhood, according to the story which is now going the rounds, had some difficulty over the question of what amount of hire should be paid to laborers for picking hops. As a general proposition the matter is still unsettled except by one hop grower, Mr. Jacob Pressley, who resides in a district known as Deer Lick Bottoms. He did not hire any pickers at all this year, and yet his hops are all picked and cured. To explain this mystery, it seems that Mr. Pressley during the year previous had noticed two yellow snakes. His first impulse was to kill them, but their actions were so odd that he stopped to watch them. The snakes would climb the hop poles and pick every blossom, throwing them upon the ground. Then they would extract a certain amount of hop from the stalk and pass on to the next one. This set Mr. Pressley thinking if the snakes could not be utilized instead of men and women. In the spring of 1896 he found a nest of 12 yellow snakes down by the creek, and, capturing them alive, he took them home. In the fall he tried them on the hop fields while the men were absent, and with such success that he determined to use them this year. Accordingly he hired no hands, to the great surprise of his neighbors. Instead he turned the snakes loose, putting 150 baskets on the ground to catch the hops as they fell. The experiment was a great success, but Mr. Pressley has incurred the deadly enmity of the hop pickers' union, the president of which, "Bob" Habernut, promises to put a boycott on Pressley's snake picked hops this winter. Of course it is barely possible that the author of this story may have been under the influence of hops at the time of writing it.

**Carrying It to Extremes.**

**Mrs. Bridely (in tears) to O-John:**

"John! How can you scold me so? You know you often said before our marriage that you delighted in cleanliness."

**Mr. Bridely (ingrily)—So I do; but I**

**draw the line on paying for a woman to**

**scrub the bottom of the coalbin just**

**before the coal is put in.—Puck.**

**Veterans' Stories.****Old Soldiers Tell About Munyon's Great Victories.****Mr. D. H. Clark, member of the Union Veteran Legion, No. 1, and residing at Glenwood, Twenty-third Ward, Pittsburgh, says: "I suffered for twenty years from the spells of the heart. During some of the spells I had it pronounced almost heart failure. These spells were accompanied by pains down the left side and arm. My case was so severe that the Government made a payment on account of it. I have tried everything in an effort to secure relief, but finally gave up the idea of being helped. Recently I tried Munyon's Heart Cure and am now in good instant relief. I carry a bottle of it in my pocket all the time, to be used in case of an emergency. I have also been troubled with severe distress in my stomach, accompanied by pains and drawing up of the intestines. At times I felt that I could die. I purchased a bottle of Munyon's Dyspepsia Cure and I am happy to say that the first dose cured me."****A. G. Austin, No. 7 Harper's Court, South Bend, Ind., a veteran of the war, was compelled to resign while in the army, and is also suffering from the effects of sunstroke, says: "I have been using the Munyon Rheumatism Cure since last Monday. I have derived more benefit and greater relief from this medicine than any I have ever used. The temperature is very remarkable; my little finger which has been perfectly stiff, as though it had no joint in it, and always in my way, which I have not been able to bend for many years, has become supple and pliant, and I can now do things with the power of my hand in a natural way. I am delighted with Munyon's medicine."****Munyon has a separate cure for each disease. At all druggists, mostly 25 cents a vial.****OVER THE SHAWANGUNKS.****WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY ARE DOING.****The News from All Parts of the County—Many Matters of Interest Contained from Our Sullivan Exchanges and Contributed by Wide Awake Correspondents.****An effort will be made to secure the attendance of Gov. Black on one day at the next annual fair of the Sullivan County Agricultural Society.****Several persons living south of Monticello say they have seen a rainbow in the north, three mornings lately. The rather remarkable statement is vouched for by a number of people.—*Republican*.****Sunday night's high wind blew down the smoke stack of the electric light plant in Monticello.****A party of distinguished guests took dinner at the Rockwell, Wednesday. They were: State Treasurer Hon. A. B. Colvin, Albany; T. C. Simonton, Jr., Paterson, a partner of Vice President Hobart; C. D. Haines, of railroad fame, Kinderhook; Frederick H. Reed, vice president of the P. J. M. and N. Y. road; J. L. Hays, of Fonda, large owner in three railroads, and ex-Mayor George E. Green, Binghamton. The party came from Port Jervis in a special train, and it is rumored that their visit is connected with the extension of the Monticello division of the P. J. M. and N. Y. road in the spring.—*Republican*.****Miss Eliza Barringer, a daughter of the late David Barringer, formerly of Youngsville, died Wednesday, at the Middletown State Hospital, where she had been an inmate for many years. She is survived by several brothers and sisters, famous whom are Austin Barringer of Youngsville, and Misses Alida, Nellie and Clara Barringer, of Liberty.****Drs. Paine and Cauthers recently amputated a toe, which was causing Miss Annie Colwell, Bethel's postmistress, much pain.****The body of Chester Miller, formerly of Briscoe, who died in New York, was taken to Liberty, Wednesday, and buried in the Hurd Cemetery.****Thomas C. Kadien, who studied law in the office of Benjamin Reynolds, at Parksville, has been appointed by Mayor Van Wyck to the justiceship of one of the municipal courts in Long Island City.****Among the important matters to be considered by the Board of Supervisors at its next meeting on Feb. 9, will be to improve the court house building. Some are in favor of extending the main building toward the clerk's office, while others are thinking of purchasing a lot and erecting thereon a residence for the sheriff. In case of the last proposition the rooms occupied by the sheriff could be used for jury rooms and other office rooms as is needed. At present the county has to rent an office for the treasurer and will have to rent more room unless some addition is made to the courthouse building.—*Liberty Register*.****The mail service between Monticello and Fallsburgh has been increased to two mails a day. The extra mail leaves Monticello at 7:30 a. m. and connects with the early milk going west and the New York papers now reach Monticello at 10:15 a. m.****In the suit of R. E. Asher against Dell Case, the Woodbourne hotel keeper, tried in the County Court, to recover for the illegal detention of plaintiff's bicycle, the jury rendered a verdict of \$10.50. Asher, who is a life insurance agent, gave Case an order on John Gross to pay part of a board bill. Gross had applied for insurance, but did not accept the policy nor pay the order, and Case seized the wheel. He offered afterwards to pay its value, but Asher demanded damages for its retention.****THE MOUNT HOPE EUCHE CLUB****Spent a Pleasant Evening at the Pleasant Home of Miss Sarah L. Mapes.****The Mount Hope Euche Club met at the home of Miss Sarah L. Mapes, in that town, Friday evening. There were sixty young people present and ten tables of progressive euche were played, the prizes, two pearl handled knives, falling to Miss Sarah L. Mapes and Charles Ketcham. Refreshments were then served, after which the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and other social amusements.****This club is composed of about fifty young people of Mount Hope and vicinity and they gather every two weeks. The next meeting will be held Feb. 11, at the residence of Miss Violte Seybold.****Among the guests of the club were several from this city and Mrs. J. C. Ward, of New York city.****Port Jervis Fire Department Nominations.****Delegates representing the seven companies of the Port Jervis Fire Department met, Thursday night, and re-nominated the present officers, as follows:****Chief—Abraham D. Horn.****First Assistant—Albert L. Marsh.****Second Assistant—Chas. D. Clark.****Secretary—John Kane.****Treasurer—Thomas Merritt.****The death of Chief Engineer Horn will make new nominations necessary.****Auction Friends in Sullivan County.****At the Hardin sale in the Clove, Tuesday, good hay sold for \$4 a ton and prime hay for \$6.50. A team of horses sold for \$34.****PINE ISLAND.****Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.****It is rumored that a wedding is slated for about the 15th of February, when Joseph O'Brien, formerly of Middletown, and now of this place, and Miss Kate Reilly, of Deckertown, will be married.****WHAT WOMEN NOW NEED.****More Red Corpuscles in Their Blood—Paine's Celery Compound.****Miss Frances E. Willard, who has been attending the world's convention of the W. C. T. U., says that better health for women is, to-day, a more urgent matter than woman's suffrage.****She says: "What women at present most need is a better supply of red corpuscles."****From every section of the country from Maine to California, come well attested reports of women, bloodless, dyspeptic, nervous, seriously run down, and in many cases so weak as to be bed-ridden, who have been enabled to resume their places in the family circle and in social life—healthy, ruddy, well-cured women, by the aid of that great bloodmaker and healthmaker, Paine's celery compound.****Mrs. E. A. Ward is one of these fortunate women whom Paine's celery compound has saved from an ailing, unhappy invalid condition, as her letter shows:****213 Michigan Ave., Mason City, Iowa, Sept. 12, 1897.****Wells & Richardson Co.:****Gentlemen—My greatest trouble seemed to be a general weakness and all-over tired feeling. I am 66 years of age and did not expect to be ever strong again, but I used four bottles of Paine's celery compound and was greatly strengthened, and my cough seemed better so that I stopped using the remedy and have not since felt the need of any further help whatever.****Very respectfully yours, MRS. E. A. WARD.****Persons of large experience among nervous women who, as a rule, are thin and lack blood recommend Paine's celery compound.****STATE HOSPITAL SUPPLIES.****The Stewards' Recommendation to Buy in Bulk Adopted.****The State Lunacy Commission and the superintendents of the various State Hospitals have decided to adopt the recent recommendation of the stewards of these institutions that a system of buying in bulk should be put in force.****The stewards figured that if the dry goods, cereals, wet and dry groceries should be purchased in bulk for all the hospitals there would be a net annual saving to the State of \$25,000. The plan, which will be put into operation as soon as the details are perfected, will secure uniformity as to quality and price in the supplies purchased.****Knights of Pythias Hold a Reception at Pine Bush.****Hawthorn Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Pine Bush held a largely attended reception Friday night.****Annual Sales over 6,000,000 Boxes****BEECHAMS PILLS****FOR BILIOUS AND NERVOUS DISORDERS****such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Giddiness, Fulness after meals, Headache, Dizziness, Drowsiness, Flushing of Face, Loss of Appetite, Costiveness, Blotches on the Skin, Cold Chills, Disturbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations.****THE FIRST DOSE WILL GIVE RELIEF IN TWENTY MINUTES. Every sufferer will acknowledge them to be****A WONDERFUL MEDICINE.****BEECHAMS PILLS, taken as directed, will quickly restore Females to complete health. They promptly remove obstructions or irregularities of the system and cure SICK HEADACHE. 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Arrangements have been made to have both eastward and westward bound trains stop after the performance in order to accommodate persons from the neighboring villages who wish to witness the play.****Everyone who owns a horse, and many who do not, have been taking advantage of the fine sleighing during the past week.****A party of young people from this village will take a sleigh ride to Chester, this evening, and take supper at the Howland House.****The writer noticed, the other day, that a newspaper stated that some rich women were paying \$500 to a masseuse who had been engaged in smoothing away their wrinkles. This is very nice, for any one, man or woman, looks much better without wrinkles than with them, but if the rich women wish to remain untouched by these insulting reminders of the flight of time in the future, they would better make up their minds to lead an emotionless existence in future. The smooth faces of our childhood are much like the virgin pages spread before the novelist. Upon them there is a story to be written, and it is not the finger of Time that leaves its mark there, but the tales of our griefs, thoughts and dispositions are generally visible in characters so plain that he who runs may read, Sorrow, pain, fretfulness, ill temper, all leave their distinguishing marks.****Even kindly laughter brings the undesirable "crow's feet" about our eyes. Probably the masseuse that produces the best effects is a placid disposition, one of the feather bed variety, into which vexations sink and leave no trace. With the possessor of such a disposition the expression of amusement never goes beyond a pleasant smile, or grief, a few gentle tears. She does not have to pay \$500 to have her wrinkles smoothed away, for nature has dealt so kindly with her that Time himself forgets her or lays but a kindly finger upon her. It is a pity that it is so expensive and takes so much time to be beautiful, for, if we read is true, between the dermatologists and masseuses, and by sitting up most of the night to get ready to go to bed, it has become almost within the bounds of possibility for humanity to change its spots if the leopard cannot.****G. H.****—****BUSINESS CARDS.****PHILIP HENRY, Practical House Painter, No. 9 Linden Terrace. Painting walls & specialty.****47th St.****C. H. KIDD, Jr., 70 Academy avenue. 3,000 designs in Wall Paper. Estimates furnished for painting, decoration and hanging.****71****CHARLES J. EVERSON, successor to William W. Reeve, Surveyor and Civil Engineer, office No. 3 King street, Middletown.****72****J. W. WORCESTER, M. D., late of New York city. Fine Dentistry in all its branches.****73****WILL A. COX, Attorneys and Counsellors at Law, office No. 2 South street, Middletown, N. Y., attend to all kinds of law business.****74****HENRY C. MCRAIR, D. S., Gas engineer, office over Savings Bank, Middletown, N. Y.****75****LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats cleaned and pressed, gloves cleaned, buttons pinned, cleaned, dried and curled.****76****82d Floor, J. A. AUSTIN, 93 Wickham Ave.****77****A. M. AMBLER repairs watches, clocks and jewelry at short notice, and guarantees it fully; also a large stock of watches and jewelry at lowest prices.****78****No. 50 North street, Middletown.****79****JEROME FOLLETTE, Piano and Organ Tuner.****Fine tools and acting regalia for spectacles, etc. All made to order. Letter to T. B. Dayton's Real Estate Agency, Room 1, Stern's Building, North St., Middletown, N. Y. 23d & 24th Ave.****80**

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 29.—Light snow, probably clearing Sunday; continued cold.

THE TEMPERATURE.  
The following was the registry of the thermometer at Proctor's drug store, to-day:

a. m., 50°; 12 m., 20°; 3 p. m., 29°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Jan. 31—Feb. 5—Minnie Seward Company, at Casino.

—Feb. 10—French Field, at the Casino. (M. C. A. entertainment course.)

—Feb. 17—Van Luer, English Art, Literary Club's lecture course.

—Feb. 25—Kempton, Russia, Literary Club's lecture course.

—March 25—Van Ingen, Greek Art, Literary Club's lecture course.

Senator Lexow, who was ambitious last winter, to stand sponsor for all legislation decreed by the Platt machine, is keeping very quiet this year. He seems to realize that his cold identification with machine legislation was no advantage to him and he proposes to try a new and less conspicuous role. It is understood that he is making a campaign for the Republican nomination for Attorney General.

The State Board of Health, being of the opinion that the eyes of children attending public schools do not receive proper attention, has prepared a card for testing their sight, which with instructions for its use will be sent to teachers. Testing eyes will avail nothing if glasses are not provided for those that are not normal, and if this matter is carried to its logical conclusion free "specs" will have to be provided the children of poor parents just as free books are.

Aaron J. Hornbeck's appearance in the field as a candidate for postmaster confirms the news published in the Argus, several days ago, that Congressman Odell had notified the Republican machine leaders here that he could not bring about the appointment of Mr. Robertson. Mr. Hornbeck's candidacy is generally regarded as meaning that the machine has made up its mind to drop Mr. Robertson and try its luck with a new man. Mr. Hornbeck is an old soldier and this meets one of the conditions that Mr. Robertson could not fill. In the meantime Mr. Dayton seems to hold the key to the situation and his candidacy is certainly not the joke the machine leaders thought it was a few months ago.

NO WORKMAN NEED APPLY.

From the Albany Argus

Gov. Black, Wednesday, sent to the Senate the nomination of Frank M. Baker, of Owego, to be Railroad Commissioner for the full term of five years.

This is Gov. Black's answer to the demand of organized labor for a representative on the Railroad Commission, which under Republican administration was, for the first time in the history of that commission, denied to the working railroad employee. The Argus has shown that Peter F. Keele's candidacy for this place was supported by right, precedent and the weight of influence. By right, because the spirit, if not the strict letter, of the railroad law provides for representation by a practical railroad man, which Mr. Keele is and Mr. Baker is not, by precedent, because this is the place which was held for ten years by the late Michael Rickard, who was taken from a locomotive throttle and kept in the Railroad Commission by Democratic Governors Hill and Flower, by the weight of influence, because behind Keele were ranged hundreds of thousands of workingmen, while behind Baker there was but one man—Thomas C. Platt, the boss of the Republican party machine in the State of New York.

These facts may be worth recalling, next fall, when the railroad employee and other workingmen in this State will be asked to line up for Republican State and legislative candidates.

Thrown from a Toboggan and Badly Hur.

A. J. Allen, of New York, who is visiting at George A. Smith's, 19 John street, was coasting down Cortland street hill, last night, when he was thrown from his toboggan and was stunned and had his back badly wrenched. He was taken into Tuthill's drug store and restorative administered, after which he was assisted to Mr. Smith's.

"Neglected colds make fat gravestards." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup helps men and women to a happy, vigorous old age.

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## AS COLD AS KLONDIKE.

Extremely Low Temperature Reported from Northern New England.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BOSTON, Jan. 29.—Extremely low temperatures are reported from northern New England, to-day. Bangor, Me., made a new record of 39° below; Lewiston, Me., was 14° below; Concord, N. H., 22° below; Nashua, N. H., 14° below; Portland's coldest, to-day, was 3° below; and it did not reach zero here.

## ADRIFT IN A SMALL BOAT.

One Man Dead and Another unconscious When Found.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A small boat drifted into Port Richmond, S. I., this forenoon. It contained two men, Alfred Dixon and George Blank, of Elizabethport. Blank was dead with his head hanging over the side. Dixon was unconscious and was taken to a hospital.

## FOR SELLING IMPURE MILK.

Proprietors of the Callicoon Depot Creamery Fined \$100 Each.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MONTICELLO, Jan. 29.—Thos. Gray and Chas. Pegg, commission merchants, 144 Ninth avenue, New York, and lessees of a creamery at Callicoon Depot, were convicted in the county court, last night, of selling impure and adulterated milk. They were fined \$100 each.

## SAFE IN PORT.

Twenty-Five Men Taken from a Sinking Steamer Brought to New York.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The German Lloyd steamer, Alger, arriving to-day from Bremen, brought the captain and twenty-four of the crew of the tramp steamer, Dago, picked up in mid-ocean, when the latter was on the point of sinking.

## DEATH OF AN ASSEMBLYMAN.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
WHITEHALL, N. Y., Jan. 29.—William Teit, Member of Assembly and editor of the Whitehall Chronicle, aged sixty-six years, died, last night.

## OBITUARY.

Abram D. Horn, Abram D. Horn, chief engineer of the Port Jervis fire department, died, Friday, from typhoid pneumonia. He was 40 years old. Mr. Horn was nominated the third time for chief engineer on Thursday night.

## CO. D. ROMAINE.

Coe Durland Romaine, a well known Erie engineer, died at his home in Port Jervis, Friday, aged forty years. He was stricken with paralysis on his engine at Suffern, Oct. 13th, and on Nov. 13th sustained a second stroke. Bright's disease was the cause of paralysis. Mr. Romaine was unmarried and had been an engineer running on the New York Division for fifteen years.

## Milton Edward Ostrom.

Milton E. Ostrom, formerly proprietor of the pool room at No. 300 North street, died at M. Dineen's hotel, on North street, Friday night, of consumption.

The deceased was born in Walton and was the son of Alexander and Kate Ostrom, of Napanoch. His brother, Chas. D. Ostrom, of Holcott Centre, Greene county, also survives him.

The funeral will be held at Dineen's Hotel, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and burial will be in Hillside.

The deceased was a brother of George Ostrom, who was killed by the cars in this city a short time ago.

Spreading the Horses This Afternoon.

There were a number of good horses on Highland avenue, this afternoon, despite the cold wind and blowing snow. Harry Prodmore's pacer, Laura, owned the road until Elmer Wood appeared with Mr. Fullerton.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Fish to a pound at Hartford's market.  
—Money to loan by J. F. Bradner.  
—Furniture for sale Monday.  
—Ice tongs 90¢ a pair at Geo. A. Swain & Son's.  
—Goods shirts 25¢ up at Morris B. Wolf's.  
—Ten-room house for sale by E. E. Conkling.  
—Prescriptions carefully filled by W. D. Oney.  
—Clearance sale of books at Hanford & Horton's.  
—Plumbing goods for sale.  
—Dr. Walk will be in town, Feb. 3d.  
—When ailing, take Munyon's Remedies.  
—Backache cured by Benson's Capsine Plasters.  
—Colic cured by Hale's Horsehound, Honey and Tar.  
—Dyspepsia cured by Dr. Dean's Dyspepsia Pills.  
—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.

—“Billy” Williams will appear at the Casino, February 11th.

—Monday night, the great melodrama, “Asleep at the Switch,” at the Casino.

—Ten, twenty and thirty cents are the prices of admission to the Casino, next week.

—A brilliant sun dog was seen by many Middletowners about 1 o'clock, this afternoon.

—Newburgh's share of the public school money, this year, is \$12,843 as against \$13,155 last year.

—It is whispered that a cocking main between Middletown and Newburgh birds is being arranged for.

—Ladies can secure a reserved seat for Monday night for fifteen cents by purchasing it before 7 o'clock, that evening, at Dusenberry & Son's.

—Harry A. Fisher, who made such a hit as “John Alden” in the opera, “Priscilla,” will sing at the benefit entertainment at the Casino, February 11th.

—A number of sleighing parties have been arranged for to-night and livery stable keepers smile all over as they think of the rigs engaged for to-morrow.

—Frank Ronk and David Whited of this city went hunting yesterday and when near Eight and Half Station shot and killed a raccoon, that weighed 30 pounds.

—The liquor sellers of Greene are rejoicing because the census of the town shows a population of 1,190, being ten less than the 1,200 required to raise the license fee.

—The Ladies' Auxiliary of Waalkill Engine Company met, last night, and appointed committees and completed arrangements for the next social, to be held Feb. 9th.

—The 5th Company's basket ball team of Newburgh, has new and handsome uniforms, which they will wear for the first time, to-night, in their game with the Westchester Wheelmen.

PERSONAL.

—Silas Corwin, of near Otisville, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

—Frank Palo, who has been seriously ill, shows some improvement to-day.

—Michael Hogan, of New York city, is visiting relatives and friends in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Courtright, of Colesville, visited friends in Middletown this week.—*Recorder*.

—E. W. Schubert, proprietor of the Schubert Hotel, Bloomingburgh, was in this city to-day on business.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McElroy, of Middletown, N. Y., recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood.—*Wantage Recorder*.

—Mr. and Mrs. George B. Adams and daughter, Lilian, will spend the month of February in New York. They have engaged rooms at the Hotel Dam on Fifteenth street, near Union Square.

—Cesar F. Catillaz, chief engineer at the State Hospital, went to Utica, this morning, where he will spend Sunday with relatives. On Monday, he will go to Albany to attend the convention of the National Association of Stationary Engineers, as a delegate from Corliss Division, No. 49, of this city, of which he is president.

IN NEW QUARTERS.

—H. S. Johnson will remove to the premises vacated by the New York Store.

—The goods and fixtures have been removed from the New York Store, next to the post office, the proprietor having concluded to remove to New York.

—H. S. Johnson, the milliner, who has occupied the store in the Adams building, has rented the premises vacated by the New York Store, and will remove there at once.

“Jim” hasn't got it yet.

—Frank W. Elliott, one of the would be enthusiastic machine men, telephoned to “Jim” Moore at the O. and W. shops, this morning, that he had heard positively that “James F. Moore had been appointed postmaster.” “Jim” has too much modesty to believe it, but the “news” nearly knocked work at the shops sky high.

Well Known Middletowners Sailed for the South, To-day.

—T. A. Weller, W. H. Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hornbeck, H. K. Wilcox and Dr. E. M. Schultz left for the south, to-day, on Erie No. 38. William Seeholzer went down on the O. and W. and met party in New York. They will sail, this afternoon, on the Yorktown for Norfolk.

Gave a Party in Their Honor.

—George L. Yocom entertained a company, Friday night, in honor of John Jamison and O. B. Blackledge, of Brooklyn, who are visiting in this city.

No meeting or open in Dr. New's Park. One cent a dose.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

CHARITY COMMISSIONERS HEARD AT A SPECIAL MEETING.

—Don't Object to the Use of Excise Money for Paying High School Bond, but Want to Keep the Money Till It's Paid Out.—The City Attorney's Bill Altered to Meet Their Views.

—A special meeting of the Common Council was held, Friday night, at the call of Mayor Mance. Those present were President Ogden, Aldermen Allen, Basta, Hirant and Tierney, City Attorney Bradner and Supervisors Boyd and Iseman were also present.

—City Attorney Bradner explained that he had referred the whole bill, authorizing the use of excise money in paying high school bonds, to Supervisor Boyd, who is president of the Board of Charities, and asked him if he had any recommendations to make regarding the bill, and if so to appear before the Council at this special meeting.

—Supervisor Boyd stated that while he had no personal objections to the bill he would suppose a case, that is, that some future city treasurer should say that there was no statute to provide for an investment of the \$5,000 retained each year under the bill.

—Mayor Mance stated that he would also suppose that all city treasurers would have the best interests of the city at heart.

—Supervisor Iseman was emphatic in his remarks. He is a member of the Board of Charities and the City Hall Commission as well. He said:

“This proposition of the Mayor is extraordinary. It surprised me because it seemed arbitrary. The City Hall Commission, which was authorized to spend this money, was not conferred with. These men were entitled to consideration. If they had been seen the matter could doubtless have been arranged amicably. I feel as if the bill might have been drawn to say: ‘The Board of Charities shall pay these bonds, etc.’ We have no assurance that these funds will continue to increase. The Woman's Missionary Union is drawing more money and receiving more applications than ever before. The G. A. R. applications are also heavy. It is possible that the excise laws may be changed and less revenue result. The poor law makes it obligatory for the City Supervisors to take care of the poor first from the excise funds. If you will talk with the prominent men of this city you will not attempt to pass this law. All are in favor of paying these bonds, but the plan does not entirely meet their approval. I don't think it can pass in its present shape.”

—Mayor Mance didn't like the tone of the Supervisor's talk, and he said promptly:

“In justice to myself and Supervisor Iseman I would like to say that if the Mayor attempted to consult with all the prominent men in Middletown before submitting matters to the Common Council nothing would ever be submitted for he could not meet the varying views of men of many minds.”

—There was more discussion and after a recess of ten minutes the action on the matter at the previous meeting was reconsidered and the bill was reconstructed to conform with the suggestion of the supervisors in substance as follows:

“That all money not necessary for the support of the poor of the city for the year ending the first day of July following, shall be used to pay off and discharge the bonds or certificate of indebtedness issued by the city of Middletown and known as the High school bonds, interest thereon and interest on outstanding bonds as it shall come due and payable, until the whole issue thereof shall be fully paid off and discharged. The bonds when so paid shall be cancelled and deposited with the city clerk.”

—This was adopted on motion of alderman Tierney and the Council adjourned after adding President Ogden to the committee to go to Albany.—

—The committee will go to Albany Wednesday.

BENEDICTS' DANCE.

Only a Few Couples Represented the Bachelors of a Few Years Ago.

—The Bachelors' Social Club annually turns one of its hops over to the former members or bachelors. The latter used to attend in large numbers and faces were noticed which were never seen at any other hop. Of late the bachelors have thinned out, however, and on Friday night, only a few of the old guard appeared. They were the following gentlemen and their wives: Geo. M. Millspaugh, A. L. Decker, T. K. DeWitt, C. B. Buckley, F. M. Madden, H. M. Hayes, H. C. McBrair, F. M. Stratton and O. H. Brown. Among the others present were: Ned Perry, of Plainfield, N. J.; Miss Madeline Quaid, of Newburgh; Miss Abby, of Cranford, who is the guest of Miss Sloat, and Mr. Hayes, of Kingston.

Fell Through a Store Window.

—Harry Lane, clerk in J. E. Miller's drug store, slipped on the grating in front of the store, this afternoon, and fell, breaking one of the large panes in the window. Fortunately he was not cut on the sharp glass.

The Spring Term Commences Monday.

—The spring term of the Middletown public schools commences, Monday, when the promotions go into effect.

Not a Quarter.

—Not just 10 cents, and 40 doses in a vial of Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills. No pain, pleasure in every dose—little, but awfully good. Cure Sick Headache, Constipation, Biliousness, Nausea, Sallowness. Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

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A PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT.

The Interesting Programme Given at St. Paul's Church Friday Night.

—The entertainment last evening given by the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's M. E. church was enjoyed by a large and delighted audience who listened to the following finely rendered programme: Recitation—Birds, Dolly... Nellie Reulstein.

Quartette—Swing High... Miss Gardner.

Song—Looking Backward... Miss Stanton.

Quartette—Six Young Ladies... Walter Skinner.

Song—You Can't Play in My Yard... Helen Fuller, Helen Chamberlain, Mandie Tompkins and Alice O'Neil.

Quartette—Wouldn't I Love... Miss Gardner.

Solo—Out on the Dope... Miss Stanton.

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